



## Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Dear Parents/carers,

We have reached the end of our first half term of the academic year. It has been very strange but we have established safe routines and have helped the children to experience school life as normal as it can be. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding and for encouraging your children to be more independent and resilient, this helps them with their learning too! Next half term will be equally strange as we try to work out what the Christmas season will bring. The PTFA are already planning a Christmas shop and a possible virtual visit from Santa! Look out for updates.

The teachers would like to offer parent consultations next month so that you can find out about your child's progress. You will have more information about how and when this will happen after half term.

Please see [attached a letter](#) from Dawn Stabb (Head of education and learning) also our attendance [policy](#) and Remote Learning Policy/Contingency plan for the re launch in the event of closure of a group or the school. Thank you for your responses to our remote learning questionnaire this will help us to meet the needs of your family as and if the situation arises.

### Tempest Photos

Please return your Tempest photo order forms by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### Home Learning

If one week you don't receive our home learning by email then please check our [website](#).

### School Meals Questionnaire

Thank you to those that have completed the School Meals questionnaire. Your views and opinions about our school meals provide us with valuable information. A new menu has been produced and the menu items added include spaghetti carbonara, pepperoni pizza, lasagne, cottage pie, fish pie and chicken stew with dumplings. Due to Covid we're unable to have the salad bar but there are fresh salad platters available for each individual sitting and these are placed on their table. These will include lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and mixed peppers. Bacon rolls will now be a main meal and will be accompanied by that day's side option. We will review the meals again at the end of term. The menu for next term is now available [online](#).

### Xmas4schools

Thank you for returning your forms. We still have lots of forms returned without payment, those parents will receive an email today. **Orders will not be sent unless correct online payment has been received.** The order form will be returned to you if we don't receive payment. Thank you.

### P.E Kit

Our children go outside for P.E and as the weather is getting cooler please send your child in wearing appropriate P.E clothing to stay warm. A full list can be found on our [website](#). If your child doesn't own a school P.E hoodie then please send them in with their normal school jumper/fleece.

**Parking:** We realise that parking is problematic for all of you but please remember to park safely even if this means that you have to walk a short distance. **Do not** park on the opposite side of the busy road or on the zig zags as this causes greater danger. Also please be mindful of residents on Mount Pleasant and the safety of your children when crossing over.

### Breakfast Club/Cabin Club

Mon-Friday: 7.45am - 8.35am / 3.15pm-5.30pm

**All Bookings** must be made using the [online booking system](#) and paid for in advance, bookings **will be closed at 2pm on the previous Friday** as we have limited places and are full on some days. You can now book up until Christmas to guarantee your child's place.

### Absence & Lateness:

Please contact the school as soon as possible, by telephone, preferably before 9.00am by ringing 01271 343002. You will be expected to tell us your child's name, class, the reason for the absence and if possible the expected return date. The office staff are helping with the arrival of children in the morning so if no one is available to answer the phone then please leave a message. Please do not use email for this.

Gates close at **8.45am**, your child should be in school by this time. If they are late please use the front gate so that they can report to the office.

Please ring each day your child is absent or is going to be late.

### Dates

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** Half term

**Weeks beginning 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Parents Consultations

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

(Term dates are on the [website](#))

With very best wishes  
Melanie Smallwood